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URGE SPECIAL SESSION TO PASS MARKETING ACT

WOULD GIVE POWER TO PRODUCERS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

Federation Suggests Assembly Meet Preferably "Early in June"

CABINET INTERVIEWED

Failed to Support A.F.A.'s Request for Legislation at Regular Session

CALLING by the Alberta Government of a special session of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, "preferably early in June," to pass marketing legislation under the terms of which producers of farm products shall be given the opportunity to solve their own marketing problems, was asked by the full Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in a brief presented to the Cabinet in Edmonton last week. President Roy Marler headed the delegation.

Ask Government Bill

The farmers' delegation appealed to the Government to introduce the desired legislation "as a Government Bill, and support its adoption."

The Federation has been studying and working toward the establishment of producer commodity marketing boards during the past three years.

Until either existing legislation is amended to give proposed marketing boards adequate powers, or a new act is implemented in accordance with "the draft which we have mutually discussed and prepared during 1951," the brief declared, this job of dealing with their own marketing problems could not be done.

Prepared by Executive

Prepared by the Executive, the brief was first given full endorsement by the Board, at a meeting in Edmonton which lasted two days (May 8th and 9th), the first being devoted to general business; while the meeting with the Cabinet took place on the second.

A document characterized by great courtesy of tone in its approach to the Government, and appreciation of past meetings, did not attempt to hide the grave disappointments experienced

Plan to Ship U.K. Surplus Meat Well Received

British Navy's Jet Eaglets Spread Their Wings



Like a team pouring out for a football game, fliers of H.M.S. Eagle, the British Navy's "atomic age" flattop, run to their aircraft during exercises in the English Channel, as the jet eaglets prepare to spread their wings from this \$40 million carrier. The Eagle, just completed, carries two jet squadrons among her 100 aircraft. When their present rearmament program is finished, the British will have seven more flattops than in World War II. British naval rearmament this year will cost the equivalent of over \$930 millions.

this year in respect to the marketing legislation sought. In a reference to members of the Legislature, the brief stated:

Disturbed by Members' Negligence

"We were disturbed to note the negligence of over half of the M.L.A.s in not being present during the meeting called by the Minister of Agriculture on March 19th. This meeting had been arranged quite some time in advance for the convenience of the Members, having due regard for other committee meetings and activities within the Legislature.

"Having in mind the importance of Agriculture and the dependence upon this industry, we deem it most necessary that our elected representatives accept the responsibility of being in attendance at such meetings, particularly so when called by the Minister, and we bespeak greater attention to Agriculture by the Members in support of the Minister. We commend those who, by their presence, showed this interest."

Stressing by the Federation of the pressing need for a special session of the Assembly, is the result of the failure of the Government to support the A.F.A.'s request for marketing legislation. The producers, the brief makes clear, feel that the need for such legislation is becoming more and more urgent.

Confident Would Pass

"We have confidence," the brief concludes, "that if the Government will accept this responsibility," (of

APPRECIATION IS SHOWN TO BRITAIN AND NEW ZEALAND

Comes at Opportune Time — Meat Already Being Shipped for Early Delivery

CREDIT DUE

Department of Agriculture Officials Went to London To Seek Some Plan

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery
OTTAWA, May 14th. — The arrangement made between the Governments of Great Britain, New Zealand and Canada, through which Canadian surplus meat will be shipped to Britain, has very naturally been well received in this country. The announcement of the Minister of Agriculture, Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, was applauded in the House of Commons.

It comes at an opportune time, when surplus meat arising from the foot-and-mouth disease, with its consequence, the embargo against Canadian meat in the United States, has presented an increasingly difficult problem to handle. The meat which will be shipped to Britain will of course not come from or through the affected area in Canada.

New Zealand beef and pork being normally shipped under contract to Great Britain will be shipped instead to the United States, there to be marketed through regular commercial channels.

Because of the great distance from New Zealand, the meat has to be exported frozen and would not receive as high a price as would have been received for the fresh Canadian meat. Canada will receive the proceeds of the sale of the New Zealand meat in the United States, and Great Britain will pay New Zealand in sterling at its contract rates. Britain will of course be receiving Canadian meat in its place, and will be receiving the meat earlier and perhaps in larger quantities than might otherwise be possible. Meat is already being shipped to Montreal for early delivery to Britain.

Canada will be the beneficiary of the triangular or quadrilateral arrangement, and this country's appreciation to Great Britain and New Zealand has quite reasonably been expressed by Mr. Gardiner. New Zealand will be recompensed for its trouble in making the change and consideration is being given as well to paying New Zealand an appropriate share of any excess which may accrue to sale in U.S. over sterling proceeds.

Whether there will be an excess or
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LESS FLAX PRODUCED

World flaxseed production in 1951 is believed to have been the smallest since 1946.

Fail to Reach Agreement

On New I.W.A. Contracts

Failure of the International Wheat Conference to reach accord on the renewal of the present agreement, which expires on July 31st, 1953, is discussed in the regular feature, "The Wheat Situation" on page 12. The conference adjourned on May 12th, after sessions which commenced on April 17th, in London.

calling the session and sponsoring the needed legislation), "the Legislature will approve it with little, if any, opposition."

Was Carefully Considered

It had been after considerable thought and careful consideration that the Federation had solicited the interview with the Premier and members of his Cabinet, the Board's brief read by President Marler pointed out. For years it had been considered by the A.F.A. the most logical approach to the solving of problems in the best interests of agriculture and the Province generally, for the Federation to come before the Government "with our major problems, to reason with you."

Believed Most Practical Approach

The Federation had pursued this course, "feeling this approach to be
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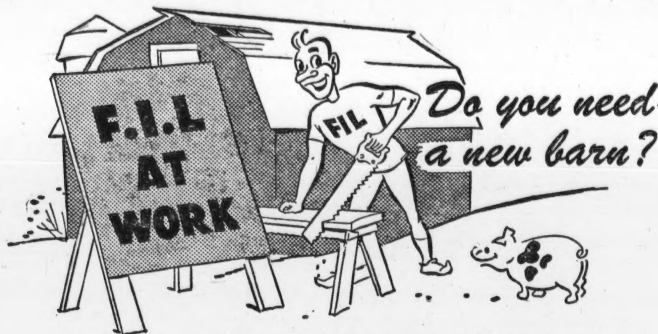
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Accommodation is provided in the School's own chalets, bungalow court, and cabins under lease by the school, and also in private houses and cabin camps. The school operates its own

dining-room which will seat 350 students at a time; excellent meals are served, at as near cost as possible. Bus service for those students sleeping in cabins or rooms at a distance from the classrooms and dining-room, is provided at cost.

Recently it has been announced that donations from individuals, supplemented by contributions from the Provincial Government, and the University of Alberta, will make possible the erection of a new building, to house officers, studios, classrooms, and assembly hall.

The school is under the direction of Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director of the Department of Extension, University of Alberta.

Five health units in Alberta — Foothills, Sturgeon, Leduc-Strathcona, East-Central and Mountainview — have been allotted Federal grants.

"Farm People of Western Canada Grimly Determined"

Would Protest Any Effort to Change Crow's Nest Rates

"THE farm people of Western Canada are grimly determined that the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement be preserved on the statute books of Canada. They do not believe that any changes made in the original agreement in any respect alter the intention of Parliament. Any effort made in the Canadian Parliament to interfere with the present rates under the agreement, in order that the railways might obtain more revenue therefrom, will be met with a storm of protest from the West. It would only add to the feeling, already too prevalent in the Prairie Provinces, that this part of Canada is carrying too great a burden in behalf of the entire nation."

Reasoned Presentation

In the above words, Leonard D. Nesbitt, Superintendent of Publicity for the Alberta Wheat Pool, concludes a reasoned presentation of the historical background of the agreement and tells the story of the struggle to maintain it in a 16-page pamphlet entitled "The Farm Viewpoint of the Crow's Nest Freight Agreement," published by the Pool.

Case in Summary

The case for the preservation of the rates, which were set for all time under the terms of the agreement, is summarized by Mr. Nesbitt as follows:

1. The Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates on export grain should not be altered, because they were established in a solemn and binding agreement between the Government of Canada and the Canadian Pacific Railway, in which the latter agreed to maintain such rates for all time.

2. In return for the perpetual establishment of such rates on export grain the C.P.R. received a substantial cash payment towards building the Crow's Nest Pass line from Lethbridge, Alberta, to Nelson, British Columbia. It was placed in a position to obtain valuable land and mineral grants and other assets either without cost, or at nominal prices.

3. The grants enabled the C.P.R. to enter the mineral-rich territory of Southern British Columbia, and also to obtain a rail monopoly in this area and in Southern Alberta, preventing the intrusion by railroads from the United States.

4. The C.P.R. maintains that the railway should stand on its own feet, and profits from subsidiary enterprises

should be kept separate because such were gained through investment of stockholders' funds. This argument does not apply to the oil and mineral rights handed over to the C.P.R. with the original land grants, which did not require any investment of shareholders' money.

5. Grain producers in the Prairie Provinces rely on low freight rates to enable them to compete with the farmers in other exporting countries who produce their grain relatively near tidewater. Any increases in rates for export grain will put Prairie producers in a most disadvantageous position in world markets.

6. In the years since the agreement was signed for which figures are available, about two-thirds of the C.P.R.'s net revenues have come from, or are chargeable to, the west.

7. Higher freight rates on export grain are not necessary, since statistics show that the railway's revenues in the West are highest when the grain movement is at its peak in the autumn.

Increases Spiral Farm Costs

8. Freight rate increases spiral living costs and farm operating costs in the Prairie Provinces. Merchants add freight charges to the cost of goods, and their margin of profit is calculated on the total. The total of freight rate increases since 1948 is calculated to provide an additional \$215 million annual revenue for Canadian railways.

9. Freight rates, once established, seldom come down, and if they do the reduction is temporary. On the other hand, prices of farm products are never stable. If freight rates went up and down with farm prices, farmers would have little to complain about.

10. The C.P.R. maintains that the Crow's Nest agreement was broken in 1918. It should be understood that this was done as a temporary measure to provide additional revenue for the railways during the inflationary period following World War I. Prior to 1918 the C.P.R. had made no protest against the terms of the agreement.

11. While the Crow's Nest rates have been extended to cover grain shipments to the Pacific (not included in the agreement), the C.P.R. has been relieved of low rates on the shipment of a large variety of goods from Eastern Canada.

12. The C.P.R.'s contention that the rates agreed upon should apply only to lines built when the contract was signed is a puerile argument. This contention was never brought up until 1924. It is plain that at the time the agreement was signed, the company intended to build additional lines. Surely it did not plan on establishing a two-rate structure for grain hauling!

Object to Any Tampering

Stripped of all the wordy superficialities, this dispute boils down to this: the Canadian Pacific Railway entered into an agreement to transport export grain from the Prairie Provinces under specified ceiling

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Interviews with Federal Government—One of the responsibilities of our Canadian Federation of Agriculture is to inform the Dominion Government of the needs of Canadian farmers, and to offer ways and means that will meet these needs.

The field of agriculture and the problems therein are so broad that the National President does not always act as chief spokesman; but the various commodity groups, through the Federation, often present special problems.

During the month of March, the following were among interviews with Federal Government Ministers by the CFA national office, and by delegations from affiliated bodies:

(a) CFA annual presentation of policy to the Prime Minister and members of his Cabinet, by the Executive Committee of the CFA.

(b) Delegation from the Ontario Cheese Producers, accompanied by CFA President, to the Minister of Agriculture respecting cheese prices and the difficult marketing situation in the industry.

(c) CFA national office interview with Finance Minister Abbott respecting customs duties being charged on certain items of farm equipment, despite the Government's policy of admitting farm machinery and equipment free of duty.

(d) Dairy Farmers of Canada delegation, accompanied by the CFA President, to the Minister of Agriculture, to discuss the various phases of the serious plight of the dairy industry in Canada.

(e) Western Conference of the CFA, delegation to the Minister of Agriculture, accompanied by the CFA President, to discuss the crisis in livestock marketing due to restrictions and marketing bans resulting from the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Saskatchewan.

(f) CFA national office interview with Deputy Minister of Finance respecting changes in the farm loan act.

The above interviews point clearly to the work the various farm organizations are doing through their national body. Further they point to the way farm organizations are co-ordinating their approach in attempting to solve their members' problems.

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rates. The company now wants to rid itself of this obligation. Farmers in the Prairie Provinces of Canada object to any tampering with current export grain rates.

This issue is of vital importance to the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Their main protection lies in the fact that it will take an Act of Parliament to change the Crow's Nest rates on export grain. If the Federal Government agrees to hand over to the Board of Transport Commissioners the authority to discard the Crow's Nest rates, anything can happen.

Hunger Is Basis for Action for Over Half of Human Race

(Co-operative Union News Service)
OTTAWA, Ont. — Hunger is the potent factor that shapes the course of action of more than half the human race, delegates to the 43rd annual Co-operative Congress of Canada were told by Paul Gordon, Assistant Director of the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), who came from Washington to address the Congress banquet.

Mr. Gordon, who is also CARE's regional director for Asia, told of asking a Chinese coolie for his attitude towards the Communists.

"This was his reaction: He received one bowl of rice per day. The Com-

munist promised him two bowls. He thought the Communists were probably lying, but they might give him an extra bowl a week. If so, it was clear profit!"

Mr. Gordon said that he had talked to a peasant in Hungary. The peasant thought his Red Government democratic. "When I pointed out to him that he couldn't read the newspaper he wanted to, he told me he

had never had a newspaper. When I told him his mail was censored, it did not disturb him because he never received any mail. When I pressed him further as to why he thought his government democratic he replied that it had given him two acres of land. That land represented food and security."

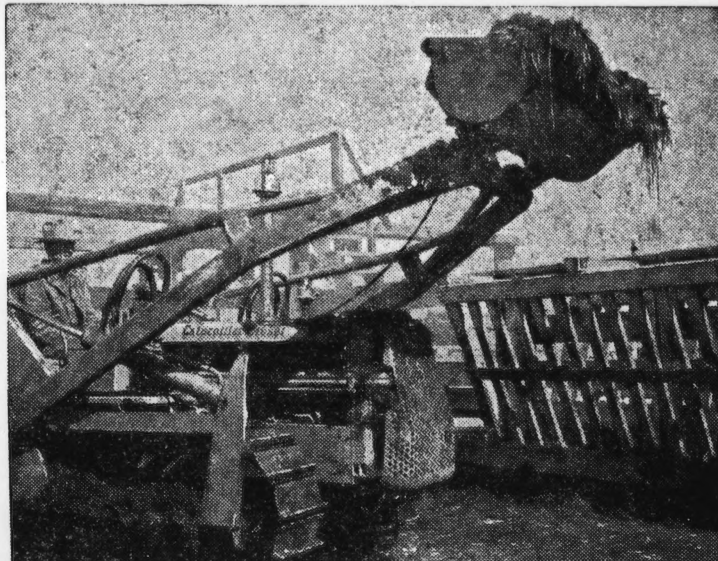
Mr. Gordon said that he did not pretend that the CARE program of

sending food, farm tools, medical kits and other aid to these backward countries was the final solution.

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THE FEDERATION'S REQUEST

The case for the calling of a special session of the Alberta Legislative Assembly to enact legislation which would give the farmers power to seek the solution of their marketing problems through their own efforts was ably stated in the brief which the Alberta Federation of Agriculture presented to Premier Manning and his Cabinet in Edmonton last week.

Behind the Board of the Federation, who give unanimous support to the recommendation, are the farm people of the Province, whose interest the presentation is designed to serve.

Its courteous tone and restraint did not detract from, but, on the contrary, added to the forcefulness of the submission.

The representatives of the farmers' primary membership organizations and the commercial companies they own and control — these representatives, as the brief indicated, "have been studying and working toward the establishment of producer commodity marketing boards during the past three years". They have given consideration "to every proposal suggested to us by the Alberta Government". Many conferences have been held. The results have been disappointing.

"Producers of other Provinces wishing marketing legislation," the Federation sets forth, "have been given such." The exception is "our own Province . . ."

"We are at a loss," the brief continues, "to understand the difficulties we have experienced in obtaining marketing legislation when Provinces such as Ontario and British Columbia — with minority rural populations are enjoying such legislation.

"It is our understanding that every Province in Canada has what has been declared adequate marketing legislation, except Alberta, Quebec and Newfoundland. Representatives from Quebec have said that if they requested a marketing act, they thought it would be provided. British Columbia has a marketing act that has withstood appeals on constitutional grounds for a number of years, since it was found to be intra vires by the Privy Council in Great Britain nearly nineteen years ago."

Making full allowance for duplication in membership among the large number of farmers' organizations affiliated with the A.F.A., it is estimated that the Federation represents well over 50,000 farmers throughout the Province; and there can be no doubt that, irrespective of affiliations, the farm people of the Province in overwhelming numbers approve of and wish to see realized the Federation's objectives. They will hope that the Government will give full weight to the above considerations, and comply with the Federation's request.

McQUARRIE REPORT — SOME MISGIVINGS

Study of certain of the recommendations of the McQuarrie Committee of the House of Commons in regard to amendment of the Combines Act gives rise to misgivings.

Hitherto, the Commissioner appointed under the terms of the act has exercised wide

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powers; one of his main functions being to make reports on his investigations to the Minister of Justice.

The McQuarrie Committee advises that a Board be set up to take over from the Commissioner this very important function. It is proposed that the Board shall be "administrative" — that it shall assume all administrative duties.

The Combines branch of the Department of Justice would cease to exist in its present form. Instead it would become merely an investigation and research bureau or "agency" (to quote the term used in the report). It would conduct investigations under the terms of the Act, but — and here's the "joker" . . .

Without the permission of the Board, no investigation of the records of any concern or combine, nor any investigation or interrogation of officers or firms or other witnesses, could be undertaken. Without the Board's permission, no office or property of any firm could be entered by an officer of the "agency".

What this would mean has been well expressed in the statement that the agency would be stymied from the outset. Without the Board's express permission, it would be denied the opportunity to do the things that are most vital for any proper investigation.

The proposal of the Committee is that members of the Board should be chosen for their knowledge, skill and integrity (of course they should). It is argued that they would readily grant permission for an inquiry if there were any basis for making one. But the Commissioners who have been appointed under the act as it stands are and have been men of knowledge, skill and integrity. Why the interposition of a new body between the Commissioner and his job?

There is another disturbing feature of the McQuarrie Committee's proposals. If they should be adopted, it would be the Board, and not the Commissioner (as is now the case) who would make the report on any investigation. In other words, the Board would determine whether any report at all should be made to the Minister of Justice. Thus, in some degree, the authority of the Minister, who is answerable to the House of Commons, would be less. Would not such a change — in regard to such a matter as the investigation of combines — mean the weakening of Parliamentary Government, an impairment of the rights and privileges of the elected representatives of the people?

It is true that a present regulation, which requires that once a report on an investigation has been made, it must be published within 15 days, would be retained under the McQuarrie plan. That of course, is of the highest importance. But the fact that this regulation would be retained does not remove the cause for uneasiness in respect to the other matters we have mentioned.

Favor Beef Canning Program-Contract Transfer

ADOPTION of a beef canning program that will look after some of the heavy cattle, and a temporary transfer of contracts as between Australia and the United Kingdom, so that Australian meat supplies could be diverted to the U.S. market and Canada's surplus go to the United Kingdom, were undertakings endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in Edmonton last week. (Following the meeting the announcement of the successful negotiation of such a plan, with New Zealand (not Australia) participating, was received from Ottawa.) The purpose is to make trade possible between countries free of foot-and-mouth disease and those (Britain and Canada) in which outbreaks of this disease have occurred.

The Board of the Federation also stressed the value of any movement of feeder or under-finished cattle to other areas. It was urged further that the embargo against Canadian cattle imposed by the U.S. be reconsidered by Governments concerned.

A strong point made by the Board is that Alberta herds are freer or just as free from danger of infection as is livestock immediately south of the international border. If shipments could be made from Alberta points under United States health inspection, it was pointed out, the situation would be substantially relieved.

O. S. Longman, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and L. H. Pharis, who are members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (Federal) took part in the discussion of livestock marketing, and as the committee will be meeting soon in Ottawa, these members sought the advice of the Federation.

— J. McF.

Canadians Who

Study The World

OTTAWA CITIZEN

Two recent appointments made by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs indicate that this organization expects to enter a period of expanding usefulness and influence. Dr. B. K. Sandwell has become chairman of the advisory committee of the Institute's magazine, the International Journal. Professor Edgar McInnis has accepted for five years the newly-created executive position of president.

The fact that the Institute needs the services of the distinguished editor emeritus of *Saturday Night* and of an eminent historian testifies eloquently to the achievements of the former national executive chairman, Mr. Nick Cavell, who is now Canada's director of international economic and technical co-operation. The new officers can be depended upon to stimulate the research and the study groups that are elements of major importance in the Institute's activity.

As an unofficial, non-political body, the Institute gathers and makes available information on international affairs, particularly in relation to Canada and the views of Canadians.

Faces Court Martial



Court martial proceedings have been begun by the U.S. Army against Major-General Robert M. Grow (above), former military attaché at Moscow, whose personal diary was reputedly photographed by foreign agents at Frankfurt, Germany. The alleged photographic selections have been widely circulated in Eastern Europe. Grow (the photographs are alleged to have shown) expressed himself forcibly as believing that all-out war should be made on Russia without delay. He is charged with "improperly recording classified military information in private records and failing properly to safeguard classified military information". Maximum penalty for conviction of the offence charged against him by the U.S. Army is confinement for five years, dismissal from the army and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

Its function is unique in this country. Branches in many communities bring members together for frank, off-the-record sessions with special speakers. From time to time, regional, national, and international conferences are held, often in association with similar organizations in other countries.

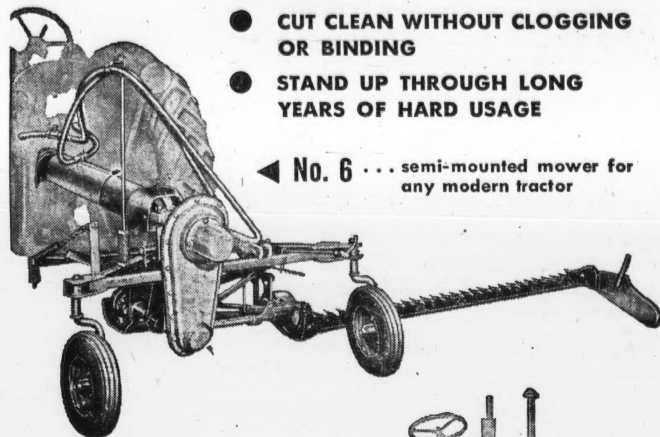
But Dr. Sandwell and Professor McInnis will be thinking of the public as well as the membership. The public benefits both directly and indirectly from the work of the Institute. Indirectly, each member, who typically is very active in his own field, spreads the influence of his own understanding of affairs. All those interested can, of course, read the International Journal and the many pamphlets, such as those in "Behind the Headlines" series, which the Institute sponsors. The difficult world situation in which Canada finds itself today makes more than ever desirable a steady growth of informed opinion among its people.

Grant to Red Deer Clinic

OTTAWA, — A grant of \$8,600 from Federal Health Funds has been made to the new guidance clinic at Red Deer, Hon. Paul Martin announced. The services of the clinic will be available to persons of all ages, but emphasis will be placed on the correction of maladjustments in children.

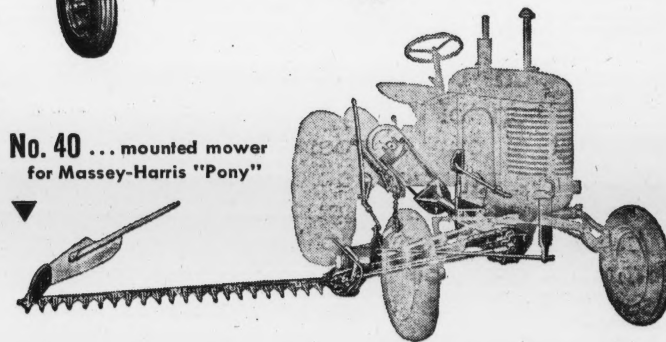
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"I cannot believe that the first step in a war for liberty should be the surrender of what you say you are fighting for," states Earl (Bertrand) Russell, submitting, in the *Manchester Guardian*, evidence to support his contention that intolerance is growing in the United States, bringing curtailment of cherished political liberties. He discusses in particular the campaign against freedom of expression among teachers in many parts of the republic.

Earl Russell quotes passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson

which, he points out, would get any U.S. citizen who expressed similar opinions today into serious trouble.

"Always Obligated to Think Twice"

"Any Englishman going to America at the present time," he writes, "has the strange experience of a population ... always obliged to think twice before giving utterance to any serious conviction. English people," Earl Russell adds ironically, "hold the clearly subversive opinion that a teacher should not be deprived of his post merely on the ground that he has published a well-documented investigation of some facts inconvenient to certain rich men."

(After the last war Earl Russell lived for some years in the United States.)

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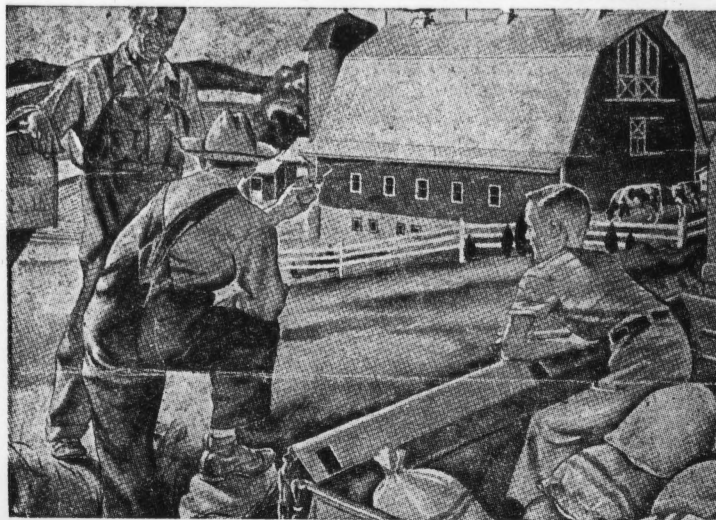
WHEN we come to look at the world in general, we find it is indeed a very complex place in which to live and there seems to be little wonder that the people sometimes become confused in their thinking and are not quite sure where they are heading or even where they want to go.

After reading a great deal of what appears in the popular press and listening to many radio commentators, we often wonder if their efforts are aimed at informing people or confusing them.

Can Do Considerable Harm

This sort of thing even goes on to the detriment of our co-operative movement, and much of the propaganda that is spread against co-operatives, while ignorant and confusing in the extreme, can do considerable harm if members are not alert and in a position to offset it with the truth.

In spite of what is said, the truth is that co-operation is not only private enterprise, but private enterprise at its best. One could go even further and say that co-operation is the



only real hope against state ownership, which is what oppositionists to private enterprise have as their goal. We believe that co-operation is based on the conviction that the small business man and the small producer, whether he is a farmer or anybody else, not only can but must manage his own affairs for himself and in his own interest.

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Challenge to Monopoly

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Please Note Date Is June 17th

The date of the Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool will be June 17th, not June 10th as announced on this page in the last issue.

SIX LOAVES - SIX MEN

MAN can circle the earth without touching the ground, man can kill other men many miles away; man can weigh the stars of Heaven; man can drag oil from the bowels of the earth; man can compel an icy waterfall to cook his meals hundreds of miles from the stream; man can print a million newspapers in an hour; man can breed the seeds out of oranges; man can coax a hen to lay 360 eggs in a year; man can persuade dogs to smoke pipes and sea-lions to play guitars. Man, in other words, is quite an ingenious and remarkable package of physical and mental machinery.

But when this astonishing person is confronted with one problem, he retires to his hut defeated. Show him six men without money and six loaves of bread belonging to men who cannot use it, but who want money for it, and ask him how the six hungry men can be put in possession of the six surplus loaves, and watch him then. It is then that man attends conferences and appoints committees and holds elections and cries out that a crisis is upon him. He does a score of useless things and then retires, leaving in the shivering twilight, the tableau of six hungry men and the six unapproachable loaves.

OTTAWA LETTER
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not is something that cannot be foreseen, and in any event the whole arrangement will mean a net loss to Canada, but weighed against the beneficial results to Canada, the cost will be greatly minimized.

Much of the credit for arranging of the agreement must go to L. W. Pearsall, Director of Marketing Service in the Department of Agriculture, and G. R. Paterson of the Department of Trade and Commerce, as well as the Trade Commissioners abroad.

Messrs. Pearsall and Paterson went to London to secure some agreement to ease the burden of the meat surplus. A minimum of 40 million pounds of beef will be shipped to Britain under the arrangement during this year. This, as far as Canadian shipments are concerned, is essentially a beef agreement. It is not clear whether any bacon will be included. If there is any, the amount will be comparatively small.

The bargain as it continues will relieve the market of surplus beef. Cattle marketings during the period

from the first of the month have been down about 25 per cent compared with last year. This new development has in large part eased the markets, but in spite of this, there have been more cattle in the markets than were in demand by the domestic trade.

Hold Light and Unfinished Cattle

The Minister of Agriculture has stated that this has enabled the Government to start a good flow of meat on the way to Britain, from the accumulated meat storage supplies. He emphasized, however, "that it is still highly desirable for farmers who have grass and feed to hold light weight and unfinished cattle rather than deliver them to the markets. If this is done we are confident that the floor prices can be maintained until the present emergency is past".

Spring Harvesting

From latest reports received here, it is evident that this spring's dry weather has allowed the salvage of a very large part of the wheat crop which had to pass the winter in the fields. There have been the losses, differing in various sections of the West, from weathering and from rodents (particularly when the grain was in the swath). A point that is clear is that most of the grain is being harvested dry, and therefore qualifying for the straight grades, although these may be from one to two grades below the grades they would have likely held if nature had not foiled the harvesters. Moisture content being 10 or 10½ per cent, the belated crop doesn't put any additional pressure on drying facilities.

**Studies Here on First
FAO Canada Fellowship**

Courtesy The Manitoba Co-operator

Senor Hernan Orellana (above), Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ecuador, is now on tour of Western Canada for the purpose of making a thorough study of grain handling and storage methods used here. A graduate from the University of Ecuador, he is here on a fellowship of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) — the first such fellowship for Canada.

Before leaving Winnipeg for "points West", the Ecuador agriculturist spent considerable time with the Canadian Wheat Board, the Board of Grain Commissioners and the University of Manitoba, as well as numerous grain handling organizations. He also spent some time in rural Manitoba. After completing his Western tour, Senor Orellana will visit grain terminal facilities at the Lakehead.

The visitor told **The Manitoba Co-operator** that though farming in his country is on a small scale, there is usually a small surplus of wheat,

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barley and rice for export. Agriculture is not mechanized, and many farmers still use oxen to prepare the land. The zone of Ecuador in which cereals are produced is 9,000 feet above sea level, and some varieties of wheat take eight months to produce from the time when the seed is sown until the crop is harvested. Only winter wheat is produced.

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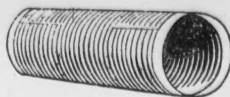
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WORLD CHRONICLE

Apr. 30th.—Order returning U.S. steel mills to owners postponed by appeals court for two days. Following conferences with West German and French socialists, British labor party calls for immediate talks between Russia and the West on German issue.

May 1st.—May Day demonstrations lead to violence in Berlin, Tunisia, Algeria, and in Japan, where Americans were targets of marchers' anger. Britain demands Egypt pay damages for loss of life and property in January rioting. London reports International Wheat Council reduces Australian sales quota for current crop year; Canadian quota increased. British ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, returns to Egypt with new proposals for Sudan settlement. U.S. court of appeals forbids government to raise steel wages (as recommended earlier by arbitrators).

May 2nd.—From Rome comes report U.S. Admiral Fechteler is conferring with French and Italian naval leaders in effort to reach agreement on NATO naval command in Mediterranean; Britain demands British commander-in-chief; U.S. want American in job, as in Atlantic command. Prosecution of Endicott unlikely, says Pearson. U.S. steel workers return to jobs; Truman meets C.I.O. leader Murray, and steel corporation presidents. Military flying of U.S. air force, outside Korea, reduced to save aviation gasoline; strike reduces stocks.

May 3rd.—In first passenger flight of jet plane, British airliner reaches Johannesburg from London (6,333 miles) in less than 24 hours; best previous time, thirty and a half hours. U.S. air force plane makes first landing on ice pack at geographic North Pole. Danger of war has eased in past six months, says Churchill, though we still have "anxious years to endure." Eisenhower doesn't believe it feasible to match Russia "division for division," according to evidence given Senate committee in March, now made public.

May 4th.—White House steel negotiations collapse, but Murray says men will continue to work while government operates plants. Stalemate reached in plenary truce negotiations, says Munsan despatch. Cattle sales, except for immediate slaughter, forbidden in U.K., where foot-and-mouth disease has broken out in 36 counties of England and Scotland; other restrictions imposed.

May 5th.—Ottawa removes restrictions on instalment buying. In Washington, Federal Reserve Board suspends credit controls program. Speaking in Paris, John Foster Dulles urges threatening Chinese with bombing of mainland if they intervene in Indo-China.

May 6th.—Over \$5 millions of U.S. army goods stolen in black market operations in Korea, says chairman Senate committee, in Washington; says nearly \$2 millions worth recovered. Former U.S. defence mobilizer Wilson states to raise steel wages as recommended will add \$5 billions to next year's defence costs.

May 7th.—In Tokyo, Ridgway reports that Communists have refused truce offer, made by U.S. negotiators in behalf of U.N., to trade 70,000 prisoners held by Allies, who have agreed to go back, for 12,000 held by Communists. Truman says (referring to prisoners unwilling to be repatriated), "We won't buy armistice by turning over human beings for slaughter or slavery." U.S. General Dodd, head of Koye Island prison camp, captured by war prisoners of camp. Taft now leads in running for Republican nominee for president; Kefauver for Democratic. In Cabinet

Hold Summer Schools in Six British Centres

MANCHESTER, Eng.—During the coming summer the Co-operative Union will conduct schools at six centres: at the three youth centres of the co-operative movement, at the British Co-operative College; at the Normal College, Bangor, North Wales; and at Balliol College, Oxford. Subjects discussed will range from "Design and the Home" to "Ownership and Provision of Capital in a Democratic Community."

reshuffle, Churchill names Ian MacLeod, Minister of Health, Alan Lennox-Boyd Minister of Transport; other changes. Labor scores gains in first day of voting in U.K. municipal elections. Nehru opens conference working on program to raise food production and reduce disease in India; U.S. contributing \$26 millions to India's \$34 millions.

May 8th.—Labor gains nearly 650 seats (net) in U.K. municipal elections. Churchill government announces state-owned trucking system to be sold by auction. Endicott writes Pearson he won't submit to "cross-examination by your officials" until legal authority of department demonstrated.

May 9th.—Aviation gasoline brought under control under Defence Production Act, states Howe; all deliveries being cut by 35 per cent, on account of U.S. oil strike. Representatives of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, initial draft of treaty to set up European Defence Community. In Ottawa, Supreme Court reserves judgment on validity of schemes set up under Agricultural Products Marketing Act. African (native) labor union appeals to U.N. to declare South African constitution and government illegal; charge constitution set up by white minority.

May 10th.—Russian guards stop western powers' military vehicles from moving through Soviet zone of Germany to Berlin. Communist prisoners of war release Dodd, after some of their demands granted. Britain and U.S. grant Italy some administrative powers in "Zone A" of Trieste.

May 11th.—Nehru elected leader of National Congress Party, will be Prime Minister of India's first elected government, pledged to welfare state policies. Growing tendency to restrict news sources, even in democratic countries, is deplored in survey of International Press Institute, published in Switzerland. Yugoslavia will defend Trieste, declares Tito to cheering crowds; denounces new arrangement giving more power to Italy in part of city.

May 12th.—Agreement to stop screening war prisoners (to determine whether or not they wished to be repatriated) was price paid for release of Dodd, General Mark Clark states in Tokyo. Some reductions in purchase tax on lower-priced clothing announced by Butler, states London despatch.

May 13th.—New commander appointed to Koye Island prisoner camp, announced in Seoul. Malan announces South Africa will demand Britain turn over to it three African protectorates—Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland; negro inhabitants opposed, fearing South Africa's harsh race laws.

May 14th.—If Russia will agree to free elections throughout Germany, Britain, U.S. and France will take part in four-power talks on unification of country, according to letters delivered in Moscow yesterday, says London report.

Looking Back on an International Conference

By LORD BOYD-ORR

Lord Boyd-Orr was the first Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. He gave his blessing to the International Federation of Agricultural Producers on its formation. He has always stood for the stabilization of agriculture on a high level of well-being. Many of our farm leaders know him, and he is known indirectly to many thousands of farm people in Canada. Readers of *The Western Farm Leader* will remember articles and quotations from his writing which have been printed in this paper in the past. He was the Nobel Peace Prize winner of 1949. He played a leading role at the International Economic Conference with which he deals in the article below. The article was written exclusively for *The Nation* of New York, to whom we are much indebted for authority to reprint it. Lord Boyd-Orr was heard over the CBC Trans-Canada network a few days ago.

MOSCOW, April 13th.—There are two different views on the origin of the International Economic Conference which closed here yesterday. According to one, it was promoted by a Communist-dominated Peace Council as an instrument of propaganda. In support of this view are the facts that the council did propose such a conference and that Moscow was chosen as its site. According to the other view, the conference was promoted primarily by economists with no political axe to grind.

Supporting this is the fact that the initiating committee, which met at Copenhagen, refused to permit Peace Council representatives to participate in organizing the conference and that the Rules of procedure, as finally adopted, forbade any reference to the relative merits of different economic and political systems (a prohibition which was rigidly

enforced). As for the choice of Moscow as the site, the initiating committee explains that Russia was the only country which guaranteed visas to delegates from all countries.

The conference was attended by 470 delegates. The British delegation of thirty-two consisted of about half a dozen members of Parliament, another half-dozen academic economists from Oxford, Cambridge, Birmingham, and Glasgow universities, two or three representatives of trade unions, about a dozen business men, and three or four people accompanying delegates.

So far as I could make out, the delegations from other Western countries comprised a similar mixture of economists and business men. Politically they were also mixed, though the British delegation had no Communists. The French, for instance, included De Gaullists, Radicals, and Communists. The delegates from the Communist countries were either representatives of official trade organizations or university professors of economics. The leader of the Russian delegation is chairman of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce.

The speeches at the plenary and in the various panels were non-political, dealing mainly with economic conditions in the country of the speaker—the extent of unemployment and the reasons for it, shortages of raw materials or the lack of orders for export, inflation and the rising cost of living, the goods which the country could export and the goods which it wished to import.

A good deal of business was done. The meetings had to be adjourned for two days to leave the business men free to make their deals. The British delegation made agreements for the export of goods, mainly textiles and footwear, to the extent of \$16,000,000 (\$44,800,000) against the import of goods of approximately equal value consisting mainly of food, livestock feed, glassware, and other consumer goods. Other transactions of about an equal amount were discussed, but on the last day of the conference agreement had not been reached on prices or was delayed because samples were not available. The biggest British transactions were with Russia and China.

If the direct contact of business men and representatives of trade organizations had the same result with other delegations as it had with the British, the conference must have

substantially increased international trade. All transactions were negotiated within the existing framework of political and economic restrictions so that nothing should prevent their successful completion.

The export of goods, especially textiles, from Britain will help to reduce the rising unemployment which has been causing alarm to manufacturing firms and trade unions, and the imports will help to prevent the deterioration in the food position which has been causing discontent among housewives. If similar benefits are obtained for the other participants, the conference will have helped both business and the standard of living.

The political significance of the conference is difficult to assess. Though politics did not enter into the discussions, the fact that delegates from more than forty countries met in Moscow is a political factor of some importance. Further, the conversations not only between delegates outside the conference but also with Russian citizens in the subways, in the shops, and in the hotels, when one could find a Russian interpreter, offered some opportunity to correct the wrong impression most of the people seemed to have about conditions in Britain and America.

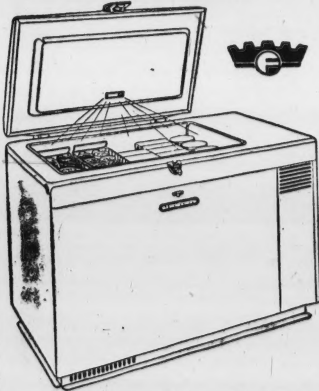
On the other hand, delegates from
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A British Reaction

(From *The Times*, London, England.)

Many interpretations of the (Moscow trade) conference are possible. It can be seen as an attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and her allies, or as a means of organizing fairly large business deals that might otherwise have encountered technical difficulties. It is possible also to see in it a gesture of conciliation. Within the U.S.S.R., as in other countries, there are many different strands of policy; and at the same time as the most violent propaganda is launched against the United States and her allies a more constructive effort may be made to improve relations by expanding trade. The conference could easily have been used to pass resolutions against strategic trade restrictions, and such resolutions might have found vociferous supporters in the west... The fact that no such resolution was put was some indication that the object of the conference was not to score a point or to sow dissension but to keep open the road to a better understanding.

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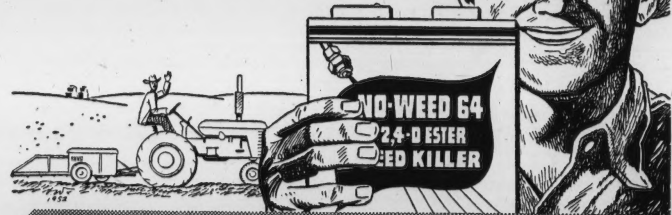
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Crown Roast of Spareribs: Wipe spareribs with cold, damp cloth, tie in crown roast shape, and set upright in baking dish. Mix together 2 cups boiled rice, 2 cups bread crumbs, 1 minced carrot, 1 large minced onion, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup raisins, 3 tbs. butter or dripping, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sage, 2 tsp. salt, pepper if liked, and pack in cavity. Bake in moderate oven 2 hours.

Spiced Cupcakes: Cream $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, 1 cup sugar and the yolks of 2 eggs; add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup each raisins, currants and nutmeats, and 1 tsp. soda dissolved in 1 tbs. hot water. Sift together 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.

each salt, cloves and nutmeg; add to first mixture alternately with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Turn into greased muffin tins and bake in hot oven.

Chocolate Souffle: Melt 2 tbs. butter, add 3 tbs. flour; blend, then gradually add 1 cup milk, stirring constantly. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt. Mix 3 tbs. cocoa with 3 tbs. hot water and add to first mixture. Cool, and mix with beaten yolks of 3 eggs and 1 tsp. vanilla, then fold in stiffly beaten whites of 3 eggs; set in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven 45 minutes.

Teenagers often need more food than adults. They're growing and they're usually more active as well. Milk is one of the nourishing foods they need — one and one-half pints daily is recommended. For those who don't like milk as a drink, it can be flavored with any cooking flavoring, or made into cocoa, hot chocolate, soups or milk puddings.

Calcium is even more necessary to old people than to young, since it helps to prevent brittleness of bones. Good sources of calcium are milk and fish.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

SPRING RUSH - AND SOME CHANGES

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

The Spring rush inside the house and outside is, no doubt, in full swing. Probably I have very few readers these days. Sometimes it seems incredible, as I say, that there are as many hours in a day and days in a month as when we first began to take note, no matter how many labor-saving devices there are to hand.

Still "Little Time to Spare"

Of course, with some of us, the years have somewhat slowed our activities, and although there seems little today in comparison with the old days, yet there seems little time to spare. I think if we were to make note of our activities, we should find we were not as closely tied to our work as in those "good old days", and we get to town more often and even to the city.

What a Different Picture

It seemed such a different prospect when I heard a Saskatchewan woman who is now one of the older ones and goes away in the winter, say she and her husband were going back to the farm where there was neither chick nor child — latter long grown and away — cow nor horse, pig nor sheep. In fact, they did not even have a car because of their absence in the winter. Yet the husband, in his seventies, put in a large acreage of grain the year before, entirely without help. What a different picture from farming in the past!

Of course, that was grain farming, and it suffered its mishap last year in the harvesting, as they had experienced many times before. However, it is to the farmers and their families in the districts with the foot-and-mouth disease to whom more thought is being given today, because of the most regrettable outbreak of that disease. Any of us who are farming or have farmed cannot help but have a sympathetic feeling for the people of those communities, and hope that for their sake and, indeed, the economic life of the whole country, that it be stopped.

Different "Weeks" and Causes

The papers and the radio are bringing this subject very much to the fore these days, along of course with the different "weeks" or "causes" they sponsor. Sometimes it seems as though every week were taken with a different "cause". Of course, some of us are in accord with one or more, and there are others to which we feel more lukewarm.

As I write, it is the Cancer Fund collecting which is still lingering. I think it would be extremely difficult to find anyone who did not believe in research being made to extend knowledge which will save the suffering and loss of life caused by cancer today.

But, seeing the inequality of contribution, does it not sometimes seem as though it should be a cause for which the Government would make large special allocation, instead of following our method of today? Do we realize that if every member of Parliament were sent to Ottawa with instructions from us to do that, it would be done and done in short order?

In some ways we seem to have moved on tremendously with our sense of responsibility for our fellow man or woman. I suppose, in a sense,

we can count the present method the first step in realizing our sense of care for our fellows. But should we not move on to making it a part of our public duty, just as making and taking care of our roads, for instance?

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. Fred Cameron, one of the first members of the Local, who now lives in Edmonton, was a guest at a recent meeting of Fleet F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. Charles Mills. This Local donated lunch for a Red Cross dance.

A good discussion followed the reading of the bulletin on education, by Mrs. D. C. Smith, writes Mrs. Glen, reporting a recent meeting of Westlock F.W.U.A., and opinions of the Local, on questions raised, are being forwarded to the convener.

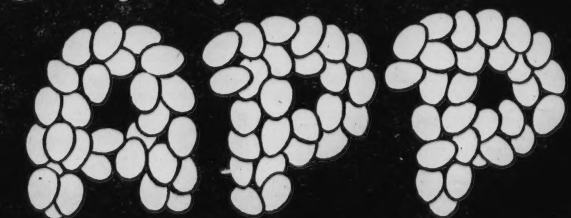
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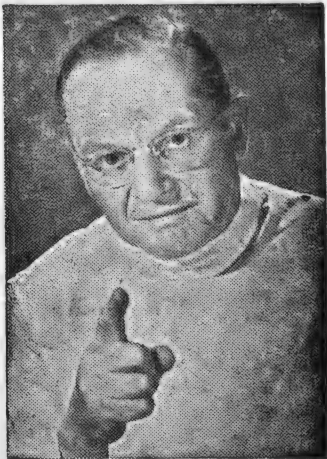
News of Women's Locals

Material for Red Cross sewing was distributed to members following the regular meeting of Edwell F.W.U.A. (Penhold) recently.

A delegate to Farm Young People's Week is being sponsored by Jefferson F.W.U.A. (Owendale). These ladies are studying a public speaking course.

Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) have appointed a delegate to attend Farm Young People's Week; donations have been made to the Junior F.U.A. Transportation Fund, to the Cancer Fund and to the Red Cross.

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Craigmyle F.W.U.A. with a picnic. A delegate is being sent to Farm Young People's Week, and tickets are being sold in support of the Junior candidate, Helen Smith, for Stampede Queen.

Conrich F.W.U.A. were recently conducted on a tour of the Canadian Institute for the Blind building in (Continued on Page 13)

Little Folks' Puzzle



Danny has to write a composition for school. "I will sketch the subject of my composition!" said Danny. If you would like to see Danny's sketch, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-eight. He is a useful fellow. Try your crayons on this picture.

ASK SPECIAL SESSION (Continued from Page 1)

more practical, and that it would be recognized and appreciated by the members of the Legislature, rather than using alternatives such as mass meetings, resolutions to members, numerous telegrams, strikes, and other methods of that character."

The Federation had been grateful for the consideration shown by the Government in past years, feeling that mutual confidence existed between the Government and the Federation in serving agriculture as the major agricultural group, but, the brief added:

Disturbed in Recent Months

"We have been disturbed in recent months with respect to the lack of consideration given to some of our major problems. We have pondered whether the Government has become less receptive to the cause of agriculture. We hope this is not so.

"Our approach today may appear more critical than perhaps we have ever been on previous occasions. We wish to emphasize, however, that we are critical purely for constructive purposes on the part of Agriculture, and feel we are so justified in order to continue to carry out the purpose of the Federation—that of assisting Governments of the day to interpret farm opinion and implement policies which will be beneficial to both the rural and urban people of this Province..."

Commend Work to Improve Production

While large sums were being spent in the Province for "efficient increased production and the improve-

ment of quality of agricultural products," and "we commend the Government and the Department for this effort," the work was impeded by the instability of the industry.

"Under existing circumstances, and for some considerable time past, our Number One problem is not production. Our most acute problems are markets and marketing due to marketing problems."

The brief went on to refer to unsuccessful efforts last session to arrange for a brief discussion with the Premier of the desired legislation, when the introduction of it had come to seem doubtful. While the tremendous responsibilities placed on the Government, by reason of the rapid oil development, were recognized, and the Federation would not want to impede such development, the brief added:

"We do not believe that it is necessary—nor can it afford to be done—at the expense of agriculture."

Disclosing the fact that the Federation had been advised, by letter on April 18th, that the Government was "not prepared to give favorable consideration to our requests for adequate marketing legislation," the Federation brief expressed deep disappointment that this stand had been taken.

Conserve Topsoil

Western Canada is living beyond its means, so far as prairie topsoil is concerned, declares Dr. F. J. Greaney, Director, Line Elevators Farm Service. Unless we prevent this extravagance, he states, the West will eventually

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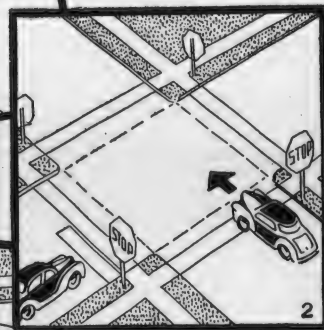
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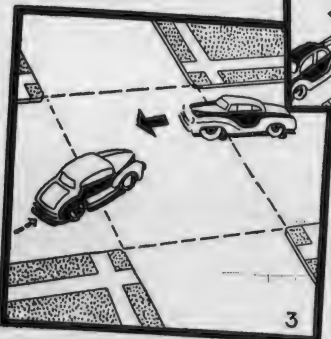
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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The preliminary conference of representatives from various nations now signatories to the International Wheat Agreement, failed to arrive at any decision regarding the renewal of the present arrangement, which expires July 31st, 1953.

It is too early to be pessimistic regarding the renewal of the agreement. Further talks will be held during the ensuing year and some compromise may be arrived at.

Exporting nations want a change from the \$1.80 price now in effect and also from the \$1.20 floor, which is provided for in the 1952-53 crop year. The United States wants a \$2.50 ceiling and a \$1.60 floor in any new agreement.

On Bullish Side

The present world situation in regard to wheat is on the "bullish" side. Last year Argentina produced one of the smallest crops in its history and Australia's crop of 165 million bushels will provide a comparatively small exportable surplus. Western Europe, the world's largest wheat importing area, must therefore depend upon supplies from Canada and the United States. Little wheat is forthcoming from the Danube Basin, which historically has supplied from 80 to 100 million bushels of wheat annually as a contribution to Western Europe. The Danube Basin is now behind the Iron Curtain and its surplus food for the most part is channeled into Soviet Russia.

Certainly the I.W.A. has helped Canadian wheat exports. It has enabled importing countries to calculate their requirements and buy readily. The Wheat Board has been provided with an opportunity to expand markets throughout the world. There has been stability and an absence of cut-throat competition in the international wheat export business.

Must Take Certain Risks

All farmer organizations are anxious to obtain a good price for Canadian wheat. All of them seek to avoid the violent up and down swings of the speculative marketing system. None can foresee the future, however, and certain risks must be taken in agreeing to a long term contract.

If inflation continues, wheat producers will suffer under a long term price arrangement. If prices are kept at a figure, which importing countries believe is too high, there is a likelihood of such countries returning to self-containment policies. In 1936, when European nations were preparing for war, domestic producers were bonused by very high prices at the expense of consumers. Germany, France and Italy in that one year paid their wheat producers \$796 million more for wheat than the same could be bought from importing countries.

The 42 nations now signatories to the International Wheat Agreement have another year to consider and discuss the advisability of renewing the agreement. If they fail to do so, Canada will have to develop an entirely new wheat marketing policy.

Century Sire

Montvic Rag Apple Marskman, six times winner of the All-Canadian Aged Bull (Holstein), has now become a Century Sire, with 101 daughters that have completed official ROP tests.

Trees Yield Mental Pabulum

"Over 500 million comic books are being published yearly (in North America), or, to put it another way, approximately one out of every three pulp trees felled in Canada goes to make comic books." — F.L.R. in Ottawa Citizen.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, May 13th. — Cattle market yesterday strong and active. Odd outstanding steers up to \$25.40; good to choice steers \$22 to \$23.50, down to \$18 for common. Stocker and feeder steers \$17 to \$19, down to \$14 for common; butcher heifers, \$23 down to \$17; good cows \$14 to \$15.50; good bulls \$14 to \$15. Good to choice fed calves \$23 to \$24, down to \$20 for common. Hogs \$24.10.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, May 12th. — Due to shipping restrictions this market was anxious and spotty last week, but it is expected that business will be normal this week. Good to choice heavy steers were practically steady all week at \$21.50 to \$23.50, medium to good heifers \$16 to \$19.50; bulk of good light cows traded at \$13 to \$14 and good bologna bulls at \$12 to \$14. Hogs assembled for prospective coast shipment brought \$24.50 to \$24.75, Grade A.

LETHBRIDGE STOCKYARDS, May 12th. — Practically all sales during past two weeks were for shipment to packers to kill under the Stabilization Board. Choice steers sold \$22.50 to \$23.50, down to \$15 for common; choice heavy heifers \$21; choice lambs \$21 to \$21.50. Hogs have sold steadily at \$23.35 for A's, dressed weight and rail grade.

The Dairy Market

Local prices remain just a shade over the floor. Special cream is 58, No. 1 is 56, No. 2 is 47, and off-grade is 41. Prints are 59 cents.

Egg and Poultry Market

Local prices to producers are 34 cents for A1 large eggs, 32 for medium, 27 for small; A large, 29 down to 22; B are 17, C 14 and crax 12. Dressed chickens, over 5 lbs. are 41 for special, 39 for A, 34 for B and 26 for C; 4 to 5 lbs., 39 down to 24; under 4 lbs., 35 down to 21. Fowl, over 5 lbs., 23 for A, 20 for B, 13 for C; 4 to 5 lbs., 21 down to 11; under 4 lbs., 18 down to 8.

Beef Producers' Head

Appointment of Grant McEwan, widely-known agriculturist of Winnipeg and Saskatoon, as General Manager of the Council of Canadian Beef Producers (Western Section), as announced by D. J. McKinnon, of Carleton Place, President of the national organization, will be widely welcomed. Mr. McEwan's reputation is outstanding. He will assume his new duties July 1st, with headquarters at 28 Michael Building, Calgary.

Farm Population Drops

OTTAWA, Ont. — Canada's farm population dropped by 320,000, or more than ten per cent, between 1941 and 1951, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in a recent release. The latest figure is 2,827,732 compared with a non-farm rural population of 2,553,444, and an urban population of 8,628,253.

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Most Egg Exporting Lands Show Declines — Canada Is Up

World egg production last year failed to show a significant increase for the first time since 1946, states the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, Washington. The most important decreases were in those countries exporting eggs, chiefly the Scandinavian countries, Belgium, and Ireland. Unsatisfactory export prices in relation to feed prices and other costs were a major factor in reduced output in those countries. Canadian output, which had been cut back sharply in 1949 and 1950, increased by 9 per cent in 1951.

Range for Turkeys

OTTAWA, Ont.—If range is used for rearing turkeys, says W. J. Wakely, of the Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, it should be a good green one that hasn't been used by turkeys or chickens for at least one year—preferably two. Allow one acre of land for 75 to 100 birds.

FARM WOMEN'S NEWS

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Calgary, by Miss Catherine Jones, and also viewed the work done there by blind persons. Mrs. K. Carlyle writes that a Lilac Tea is being held on June 4th.

Gleichen F.W.U.A. recently heard an interesting talk on the potato, its cultivation, common diseases, etc., by P. D. Hargrave, of Brooks. Mrs. L. Sammons, the secretary, also reports that donations have been sent recently to Wood's Home, Gleichen Library, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Leadership Course.

LORD BOYD - ORR

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Western countries got a better idea of life in Russia. Such direct contact of people from countries with different cultures and historical backgrounds should help to bring about a better understanding. I suggested to the leader of the Russian delegation that his government should adjust the present absurd rate of exchange of four rubles to the dollar to twenty, and offer visas to 100,000 British and American visitors, and send an equal number of Russians to Western countries to see for themselves.

The conference resolved to set up a permanent committee to make arrangements for another meeting next year to be held in a country willing to give visas to all delegates. India was suggested by some. The expenses of the committee are to be met by voluntary contributions, the largest being expected from firms which have done most business. It also resolved to ask the General Assembly of the United Nations to convene a conference of government-appointed business men and economists, with the addition of private citizens, for a free discussion of how to bring about a rapidly expanding universal economy which could deal with the greatly increased industrial potential of the world. (According to *France Presse*, the permanent committee includes Paul Bastid, former French Minister of Commerce and for many years editor of the ultra-conservative *Paris daily, L'Aurore*; Felipe Florencia Freyre of Argentina; Jack Perry, director of a British textile firm, and Oliver Vickery, San Francisco industrialist.)

The general impression of the British delegates is that the conference succeeded far beyond their expectations. Some of the business done might eventually have passed through normal channels but other transactions would never have taken place without the direct meeting and bargaining of representatives of business firms and organizations. The contacts established are being maintained and extended so that the trade done at the conference itself may be only the first fruits of expanding in-

ternational trade, which is good for business and good for the people of all countries.

President Truman is reported to have said some time ago that if we of the West could discuss with the Russians our mutual interest in agriculture it would be easier to discuss some of the other questions which divide us. But it is difficult for discussions on business to take place at government level without politics entering in. The success of this conference suggests that if in all countries the politicians who deal with foreign affairs were given a well-earned long holiday, and business men were given more freedom to develop international trade on business lines, the resulting increase in economic prosperity and rise in the standard of living throughout the world would help to lessen the present dangerous political tension.

Sees Fear at Work

(H. S. Stokes, British business man, in *Calgary Herald*.)

But in Russia they are in a panic. I reached that conclusion after days of talks and visits.

And they have the same fear France had after 1918 — the fear of another attack from Germany. A remote fear no doubt.

How can a business man's conscience be reconciled with all this? I say that free exchange of trade will do

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more to cut out the jamming stations and the hidden microphones than all the pious resolutions of the intellectual pacifist. I came back from Moscow with a full order book. Of that I am proud and pleased. It will keep my people in work. It will give a poor nation something toward her low standard of life. Maybe more of it will help kill that panic and fear which grip the Communist leaders.

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Figures to Consider When Divisions Being Counted

In his book "Stalin by Daylight," Edward Crankshaw, correspondent for the London Observer (Independent Conservative), discusses the strength of the Russian army. "Even allowing the official Western estimate of 175 divisions to be correct," he writes, "what sort of a force does this make? In the first place it has to be remembered that the Soviet division is a small one. It has some 10,000 men, or about half the number of the ordinary British division; so that 175 Soviet divisions are the equivalent of some 90 British or American divisions. This is still a great many, but is it, seen from the Kremlin, as excessive as it seems to us from the West?"

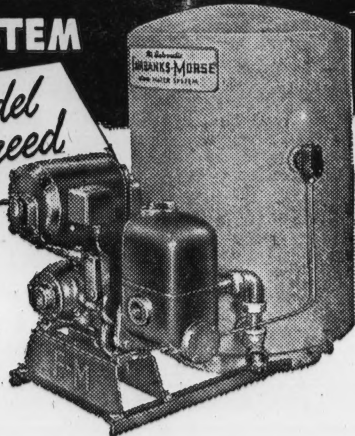
Commercial Fertilizers' Value Is Not Appreciated

BEAVERLODGE, Alta. — While the use of commercial fertilizers is on the increase, there are many who do not fully appreciate the role that these fertilizers can play in crop production, declares C. H. Anderson, senior agronomist at the Experimental Station here. Exhaustive tests in this region have shown, he says, that increases of 3 to 10 bushels of wheat per acre can be expected from the application of 25 pounds per acre of ammonium phosphate 11-48-0. (This would cost, at 1951 prices, \$1.25 per acre). Barley and oats, says Mr. Anderson, also respond to ammonium phosphate fertilizers.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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Hundreds of pairs of nylons showered down on the heads of London dockers unloading a ship from Holland — and Customs men who were satisfied that they had wiped out the nylon-smugglers were back where they started. In the meantime, the dockers were chanting that pathetic little ballad: "My Hosiery, My Hosiery."

However, our bet is that those Customs men won't give the smugglers much of a run for their money. They'll find themselves in Dutch.

Then there's the dumb Dora who thought a boycott was a little bed decorated with blue ribbon.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

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That's natural, as the dentist said: "The tooth will out!"

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tints which are dappled,
Each bud proudly sunburst in
herald to Spring,
Triumphant o'er death and the
storms bravely battled
When tempests were raging
and Winter was King;
The tulip — so fragile — for
balance is fighting
As zephyrs blow round in
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And rustling sweet hymns to
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—Nancy S. N. Cameron,
Hollyburn, B.C.

The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest informs us that a famous British firm is now making the fastest standard car in the world with four speeds, first, second, third — and you'll be sorry!

A haul of steel watches was made by thieves in a raid on St. Annes, Lanc., jewellers. They should have been described as STEAL watches and the thieves get time for getting them.

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN IN ALBERTA
Newspaper report from Bigelow, U.S.A., says a farmer drove up to the local railway station in his lorry, hopped out, ran round to open the other door, gently helped his wisp of a wife out, bowed to her, then went back to his seat.

Then the little wife dragged two hefty milk churns out of the lorry, laboriously wrestled them to the office, and returned limp to the lorry.
The farmer hopped out, opened the

door, bowed his wife into her seat, ran around again to his wheel and drove off. Ah, well, he did at least drive the lorry.

OPINIONS DO CHANGE

We see by the papers that Aneurin Bevan, British M.P., is to contribute a series of articles to the London Daily Mirror. Now let's see. Mr. Bevan once said:

"I do not like the Daily Mirror and I have never liked it . . . I do not like that form of journalism . . . if the Daily Mirror depended on my purchasing it, it would never be sold."

Just so, but the Mirror will now simply provide its readers with Mr. Bevan's reflections.

Incidentally, so many British M.P.'s are writing articles for the press that bona fide journalists should ask them to produce their union cards.

There are, at this writing, rumors of a Provincial election this year. Here's hoping that none of our M.L.A.'s are then involved in breach of promises.

DAISY BELES, EH?

A Leap Year appeal to two men to "sacrifice their liberty in wedded bliss" is made in the Invalid Tricycle Association Magazine by two "very attractive and daring ladies". On a bicycle made for two, we suppose.

For one hour and 45 minutes a student nurse's heart had stopped beating. Doctors at Chicago gave her an electric shock of 110 volts and brought her back to life. And then, of course, they took her to Ohm Sweet Ohm.

According to a news dispatch, voting papers in a Mysore, India, ballot box were eaten by WHITE ants. Aw, g'wan, those ants must have been RED.

Four years ago, four tons of salt were stored at Tottenham, London. It is so solid now that pneumatic drills can't break it and dynamite will have to be used. What a blasted nuisance!

This may be Leap Year, but Mary of Carbon tells us that she doesn't intend to get married for ages. You see, sez she, "I'm keeping the best years of my life for myself."

WHO SAID THAT?

Permits for the importation of cattle, other ruminants, and swine from England and Scotland will not be issued until further notice, the Federal Department of Agriculture recently announced from the office of the Veterinary Director-General, Dr. Thomas Childs.

Canadian production of evaporated milk was at an all time high in 1951. Some 293 million pounds was produced.



WORLD'S RELIGIONS

Numbers of adherents of the principal religions of the world, according to statistics issued by the Vatican, are as follows, all in terms of millions: Catholics 400, Protestants 202, Orthodox 161.3, Confucian and Taoist 393, Moslem 296, Hindu 252, Buddhist 118.

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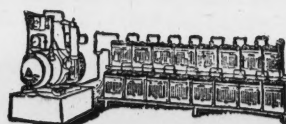
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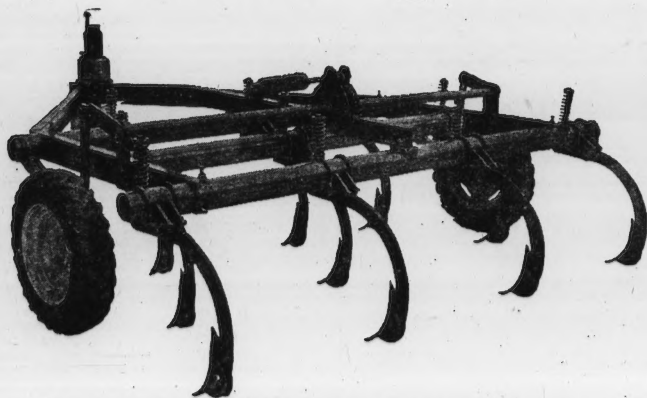
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